



Notice of Public Consultation Meeting

Proposed Rule 1143 Consumer Paint Thinners & Multi-Purpose Solvents



Tuesday, December 9, 2008

2:00 PM

AQMD Headquarters

21865 Copley Drive

Diamond Bar, CA 91765

Auditorium

Purpose of the Meeting

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) has scheduled a public consultation meeting to solicit comments and suggestions from the public on **Proposed Rule (PR) 1143 – Consumer Paint Thinners and Multi-purpose Solvents**. The proposed rule is tentatively scheduled for consideration for adoption by the AQMD Governing Board at a public hearing *January 9, 2008*.

Air Quality Objective

The air quality objective of PR 1143 is to reduce VOC emissions from the use of Consumer Paint Thinners and Multi-purpose Solvents. This rule would apply to consumer paint thinners and multi-purpose solvents that are normally sold through retail outlets, as well as the smaller hardware stores and any person that uses, distributes or sells paint thinner or multi-purpose solvent in the South Coast AQMD jurisdiction. The proposed rule will implement control measure CTS 04 from the 2007 AQMP. The potential VOC emission reductions are necessary for the AQMD to attain state and federal air quality standards for this region.

Summary of Proposed Rule

The proposed rule will include the following:

- Establish a VOC limit of 25 grams per liter of material VOC for Consumer Paint Thinners and Multi-purpose Solvents effective January 1, 2010.
- Include a sell-through provision for consumer paint thinners and multi-purpose solvents *manufactured prior to the rule's effective date of January 1, 2010*.
- Require manufacturers to obtain an ID number and register all products. This rule would also require manufacturers to provide a distribution list for all products by February 1, 2009.
- Require manufacturers to submit annual quantity and emissions reports.
- Provide an exemption for the sale and use of cleaning solvents for application equipment when used for polyaspartic and polyurea.
- Provide an exemption for thinners sold and used exclusively for industrial maintenance coatings provided that they are designated and labeled as such.

California Environmental Quality Act

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and AQMD Rule 110, a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) has been prepared that analyzes any potential adverse environmental impacts associated with proposed Rule 1143. The environmental analysis in the Draft EA concluded that PR 1143 would not generate any significant adverse environmental impacts.

Comments and suggestions regarding the CEQA analysis in the Draft EA should be directed to:

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Submission of Documents or Comments

The public is requested to send documents, studies, data, reports, comments and any other information relevant to PR 1143 by **December 16, 2008** to:

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Supporting Documents and Other Relevant Information

The following supporting documents will be available on the AQMD website at <http://www.aqmd.gov/rules/proposed.html> prior to the workshop:

- Draft Proposed Rule 1143
- Draft Staff Report for Proposed Rule 1143
- Draft Environmental Assessment for Proposed Rule 1143

Copies of the above documents may also be obtained from:

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